REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-18 and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more continuation applications. Applicants have amended claim 19 and submit this amendment is supported throughout the specification, including at page 6, line 1 to line 29. Applicants have updated the cross reference to related applications. No new matter is presented. Claims 19-27 are pending.

Summary

Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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